



Newsletter - Spring 2024

The annual Glyndŵr Parade in Hope, near Wrexham, took place on Sunday, February 25th, and was again led by the Cambria Band. The parade commemorates the liberation of Hopedale by Glyndŵr's forces in 1403, and next year's event will most probably be held on Sunday, February 23rd, 2025.

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Unfortunately, the Society will not have a display at either the Urdd Eisteddfod in Meifod or the National Eisteddfod in Pontypridd this year. Discussions are already taking place for a stand at the Urdd Eisteddfod at Margam Park in May 2025, however, and we are also hopeful that we will have a display at the National Eisteddfod in Wrexham in the following August.

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After many years of sterling service to the Society, our Treasurer, Dr John Hughes, has decided that he will resign from Office at this year's A.G.M.

We are pleased to announce that Mr Tecwyn Vaughan Jones has agreed to join our Executive Committee, however, and has indicated that he would be prepared to undertake the role of Treasurer of the Owain Glyndŵr Society, if elected. Tecwyn has been a loyal supporter of the Society for many years and was previously a leading member of the Princess Gwenllian Society.

We do still need more volunteers to join our Committee, though, so please get in touch if you are interested - new members are essential for the Society to continue into the future.

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The Society is planning to hold three trips this year to places associated with Glyndŵr:

- on Saturday, June 22nd, we will be visiting Bryn Glas near Tref-y-Clawdd (Knighton) on the anniversary of the battle there in 1402;
- on Saturday, September 21st, we plan to visit a number of sites in the Vale of Glamorgan with links to Owain's Uprising; and
- on the anniversary of the battle of Twthill in 1401 we hope to visit Caernarfon and the surrounding area on Saturday, November 2nd.

If you would like to join us on the first trip to Bryn Glas, in particular, then please contact us as soon as possible so that we can make sure that the trip takes place. Information about the later trips will be sent out closer to the time.

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This year's Society competition for schools was launched at the beginning of March, where pupils have been asked to write a newspaper article featuring an event from Glyndŵr's Uprising. The closing date for the competition is July 31st, and there are categories for Primary and Secondary pupils in both English and Welsh.

Each of the prize winners will receive £50 and a certificate, and each of their schools will also receive a prize of £50. We would like to thank Pontarddulais Town Council and Alun Books for sponsoring the competition this year.

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Congratulations to the 'Save the Owain Glyndŵr Hotel' campaign in Corwen on their successful bid for funding. They have recently been granted £452,700 from the Community Ownership Fund, which will cover the purchase and initial refurbishment of the hotel and help with the first 12 months of its business.

If you would like to attend a volunteers' event at the hotel, then please contact them at info@owainglyndwr.cymru. It will take place on May 17th at 7pm.

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We are hoping to make progress with dating the Sycharth Timber in the near future so that it can be put on permanent display in the National Museum. It has been kept in storage at the Museum for many years despite being part of Glyndŵr's manor at Sycharth.

Also, we will continue to explore ways of improving the signage to Sycharth so that visitors can find it more easily.

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Glyndŵr Day will be on Monday, September 16th this year, although events are also being planned for the weekend immediately preceding it. Details of these will appear on the Society's website when available.

Various events took place last year in Llandysul, Corwen, Harlech and other locations, with Glyndŵr's flag being flown on many buildings, including at Cadw sites.

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Finally, the Dic Penderyn Society will be holding their annual conference in Merthyr on Saturday, May 25th (- further details will be published on our website when they are available); and the Mortimer History Society will be holding their Spring Conference in Ludlow on Saturday, May 18th - see their website for further details:

<https://mortimerhistorysociety.org.uk/events/event-18-5-24/>